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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a US application titled "Natriuretic Compounds, Conjugates, and Uses Thereof, for Nobex Corporation Applicants respectfully request that the attached documents be acknowledged as received and a filing date accorded. The following documents are included:

- 1. Utility Patent Application Transmitted (PTO/SB/05 (03-03))
- 2. Specification (89 sheets)
- 3. Claims (30 sheets)
- 4. Drawings (5 sheets)
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